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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MONDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. THE HOUSE/SENATE CONFEREES AGREED THIS AFTERNOON ON ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE SENATE VERSION. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON CLARIFYING LANGUAGE FOR THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON REFUSING TO DEAL. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS TO REDUCE THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE PERIOD TO PROTECT EXISTING CONTRACTS FROM A MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS TO TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE BUSINESS ROUND TABLE TO CHALLENGE THIS CHANGE OR THE OTHER MINOR CHANGES MADE.

2. CROSS BORDER RAID BY RHODESIA. THE BOTSWANA AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT TODAY TO REPORT THAT A LARGE
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RHODESIAN FORCE HAD CROSSED INTO BOTSWANA AND ATTACKED A BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE CAMP. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, THE INCURSION WAS CONTINUING AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF FIGHTING. THE RHODESIAN RAID FOLLOWED BY A DAY A GUERRILLA ATTACK ON AN ISOLATED RHODESIAN FARM NEAR THE BOTSWANA BORDER IN WHICH A WHITE FARMER AND HIS WIFE WERE KILLED. WE HAVE

RGENTLY ASKED OUR EMBASSY IN BOTSWANA FOR INFORMATION ON THE INCURSION.

YOUR RESPONSE OVER THE WEEKEND TO KAUNDA INFORMING HIM THAT WE HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO SMITH AND VORSTER CAUTIONING AGAINST A RHODESIAN PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE INTO ZAMBIA WAS WELL RECEIVED. KAUNDA WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY THE PROMPTNESS OF YOUR REPLY. IN COORDINATION WITH US, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN SENT MESSAGES TO SMITH, VORSTER AND KAUNDA SIMILAR IN CONTENT TO YOURS.

3. TODMAN VISIT TO BRAZIL. IN CONTRAST TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, INITIAL EMBASSY REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE BRASILIA VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WENT QUITE WELL. HE WAS RECEIVED WITH THE COURTESY AND SUBSTANTIVE ATTENTION SHOWN HIS PREDECESSORS DURING SIMILAR VISITS IN THE PAST. TODMAN HAD A LONG MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA; WE ARE AWAITING A FULL ACCOUNT OF ISSUES COVERED. THE TONE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BRASILIA SCHEDULE WAS "AMIABLE," AND MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE VISIT WAS EXTENSIVE AND LARGELY FAVORABLE.

4. HABIB'S VISIT TO IRAQ. PHIL HABIB MET TODAY WITH IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI TO DISCUSS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. WE ARE AWAITING A REPORT ON HIS DISCUSSIONS. HE WILL LEAVE BAGHDAD TOMORROW.

5. CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC). THE COMMISSIONS ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT, AND SECRET

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FINANCE OF CIEC COMPLETED THEIR WORK ON FRIDAY AFTER SEVENTEEN DAYS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS. IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PERSIST, BUT AS A RESULT OF THE POSITIVE IMPETUS OF THE LONDON SUMMIT, THE COMMISSIONS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. THEY NARROWED THE GAPS IN SUBSTANCE AND FOCUSED THE WORK ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF ISSUES WHERE MOVEMENT IS POSSIBLE. GREATER REALISM IS NOW EVIDENT AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

ON WEDNESDAY, THE ECONOMIC POLICY GROUP WILL REVIEW THE US POSITIONS ON THE KEY ISSUES--DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, COMMODITIES, AND ENERGY--AND THE LIKELY CONTENT OF THE FINAL PACKAGE OF CIEC RESULTS. SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE 27 CIEC PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH COMPROMISES ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON MAY 26-27. CIEC WILL CONCLUDE WITH A MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING, MAY 29-JUNE 1, WHICH CY WILL ATTEND.

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